

**BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing
Saturday, August 28, 2021**



(Draft – not yet approved)

Meeting Minutes

Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Call to Order

- Please state your name and Lot # when addressing the public New Residents, please identify yourselves: Brian Randall introduced himself as a new resident
- Present at the Meeting were Board Members James Hochman, Dick Natrop, Paul Cannestra, Roger Iglieski, Greg Bauer, Walt Christensen, Wynona Bratsett, and approximately 60 residents.
- Jim Hochman introduced the candidates up for election to the board: Dick Natrop and Gerry Gerndt.

State of the District Report – Jim Hochman

- We still do not have a new sewer contract with the Village. We are working towards a 20 year contract. Costs for sewer treatment have increased approximately 60% due to new plant and usage. We are requesting an accounting summary on the Palmyra sewage district to understand historical costs and expenditures of the past years.
- Please remember to stay away from the dam area with boats that make heavier wake.
- Please stay involved as members of this lake district at meetings, social events, etc. Please be responsible while boating and observe safety first as well as the fast boating hours.
- Weeds on the lake are down but let's keep them down and please remove what washes up on your shorelines regularly. Help to keep the lake clean.
- Future meetings may continue to be held on zoom so that more people may attend. We are also considering board meetings during the week instead of on Saturday mornings when people tend to be tied up.

Sewer Report – Greg Twelmeyer

- Maintenance is ongoing, we have replaced the last two original panels this year.
- When the pumps go down, the generator only helps to run the main pump, so we cannot operate at full capacity.

Dam Report – Jim Olson

- An engineering firm did a dam inspection. We are still working on raising the water level but we lack the original building specs. We need this before we can go for DNR approval to raise the water level . A few patches to the dam will be added in the fall when the lake level goes down.

- Jim Olson gave a demonstration of lake level lowering and raising to show everyone that the lake water level is in fact only about 2 ½ inches below 4 years ago.
- There was a question from a resident about whether we would “reverse” engineer the design of the dam and whether or not a core sample could be taken to determine stability.
- A discussion took place about high wake boats disturbing the dam and bottom of the lake. How can we restrict the boat types or at least limit them to the bigger part of the lake. It was decided to put a notice in the quarterly sewer bill regarding boats with high wakes and what the impact is on our lake.

2021 Budget and Adoption – Greg Bauer

- Greg introduced the Budget for 2022. We are in good shape but will have some expenses coming up.
- In 2020 we had lower expenses and raised the reserve account to over \$400,000.
- The auditors have been in touch and our draft audit report will be on its way. They stated everything looked fine and as usual.
- Revenue comes from sewer fees and taxes plus some from the boat launch.
- Expenses to date are less than budgeted as there are fewer weeds, less sewer maintenance costs.
- We have determined not to raise sewer fees right now as we will use some of our reserve to cover increase in costs on sewer charges from the Village. Once we get to a reserve of \$150k or just above, we will look at other options to cover the rise in costs.
- There is no change in tax levy or sewer fees proposed for 2022. There is an expected 80K to 120K increase in expenses for sewer fees to the Village of Palmyra.
- A Motion was made to approve the 2022 Budget by Greg Bauer, 2nd by Pete Sommerhauser and approved by the residents.

Operations Report – Dick Natrop

- Eurasian water milfoil is way down this year which helps with weed cutting costs.
- The boat launch was repaired with heavy rock rather than additional panels and the rocks seems to be holding this year.
- An old fence at the boat launch will be removed as the property owner is installing a new fence.
- Buoys between the narrow channel have broken loose several times and are costly to replace repeatedly. Please remember not to tie up boats to the buoys.

Website Updates –

- We will continue to use the website as a main source of neighborhood communications.

Ski Club Update –

The ski club will try to be able to take apparel orders again soon. Apparel companies have been backordered and it is hard to get merchandise right now. The Ski team will be holding an online auction in the fall. Winners will be announced on black Friday.

July 2022 – Fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 2 – Rain date of Sunday, July 3

Town Report – Weenonah Brattset

- The Town will have a new website soon.
- Town Hall is going to go through a renovation
- ATV and UTV trails are open on County Roads, but not the Town Roads.
- The Town needs assistance to put up some fire numbers. Please get in touch with Town Board members if you can assist.

County Report – Walt Christensen

- County Budget did not include land and water resource manager position for 2021. BSLMD supported the request to fund this in 2021 and it was funded. We now have a full time County land and water resource manager.
- The budget is on track and has no issues that will impact lakes.

Social Committee – Roger Igielski

- Roger handed out a schedule of events. Let's get to know our neighbors. Please get in touch with Roger for any questions and keep an eye on the website.

Election Results Announced – Jim Hochman

- Gerry Gerndt will join the board and Dick Natrop was reelected.

Public Comments

*Residents voiced concern and just asked residents to please educate themselves on what wake board boats do to lakes, especially smaller lakes like ours.

Another resident just gave a public notice that there are ticks in the area that cause more than just Lyme's disease and to be aware and take precautions when you are outdoors.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am